

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A hard surface-treating agent, which comprises titanium oxide of an anatase form, a thermoplastic resin and a mixture of an organic solvent and water ~~an organic medium~~, said titanium oxide and said thermoplastic resin being dispersed in the mixture of an organic solvent and water ~~organic medium~~, wherein the content of said titanium oxide is within the range of 0.05-20wt% and the content of the thermoplastic resin within the range of 0.05-20wt%.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A stain-proofing agent, which comprises titanium oxide of an anatase form, a thermoplastic resin and a mixture of an organic solvent and water ~~an organic medium~~, said titanium oxide and said thermoplastic resin being dispersed in said mixture of an organic solvent and water ~~organic medium~~, wherein the content of said titanium oxide is within the range of 0.05-20wt% and the content of said thermoplastic resin within the range of 0.05-20wt%.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A surface treating method, which comprises applying a treating agent comprising titanium oxide of an anatase form, a thermoplastic resin and a mixture of an organic solvent and water ~~an organic medium~~, said titanium oxide and said thermoplastic resin being dispersed in said mixture of an organic solvent

and water organic-medium, wherein the content of said titanium oxide is within the range of 0.05-20wt% and the content of said thermoplastic resin within the range of 0.05%-20wt%.

6. (Original) The surface treating method according to claim 5, wherein said titanium oxide has an average particle size of 8-3,000nm.

7. (Original) The surface treating method according to claim 5, wherein the content of said titanium oxide is within the range of 0.1-10wt%, and the content of said thermoplastic resin within the range of 0.1-10wt%.

8. (Currently Amended) The surface treating method according to claim 5, wherein said thermoplastic resin is at least one selected from the group consisting of polyolefin waxes and modified products ~~derivatives~~ thereof, and polyolefin resins and modified products ~~derivatives~~ thereof.

9. (Currently Amended) The surface treating method according to claim 5, wherein said thermoplastic resins is at least one selected from the group consisting of polyethylene wax, polyolefin waxes and modified products ~~derivatives~~ thereof, polyolefin resins and modified products thereof.

10. (Original) The surface treating method according to claim 5, wherein said surface-treating agent contains an organic solvent.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The surface treating method according to claim 11, wherein said organic solvents are of a silicone.

13. (Original) The surface treating method according to claim 5, wherein said surface-treating agent contains a surfactant.

14. (Canceled)